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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 8th/October, through Sunday, 15th/October there were 224 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3C, 3C0, 3D2, 3DA, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FO/m, FP, FR, FT/x, FY, G, GD, GI, GM, GU, GW, H4, H40, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J6, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S0, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T32, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TT, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9C, VK9N, VK9X, VP2M, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, VU7, XE, XT, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

*** PLEASE NOTE**: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3B8, MAURITIUS. Jean-Paul, HB9ARY, will once again be active as 3B8HC from Mauritius (AF-049) between November 4-18th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-6 meters (focus on 80m), using mainly SSB, but with some slow CW. Jean-Paul will use an Elevated Delta-Loop for 80-30 meters along with his folded HexBeam for 20/17/15/12/10/6 meters. QSL via NI5DX direct.

3C0, ANNOBON ISLAND. Operators Yuris/YL2GM and Kaspars/YL3AIW were active as 3C1L from Malabo (Bioko Island, AF-010), Equatorial Guinea, earlier in the week (between October 9-10th). They are now active as 3C0L from Annobon Island (AF-039), and are expected to be there until October 13th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will have two stations on the air. QSL via YL2GN direct or ClubLog's OQRS (direct or Bureau). Look for the logs to be uploaded to LoTW six months after their operations. Updates are being posted to: http://www.lral.lv/3c0l_3c1l

October 14th (Update): 12:40 GMT SMS from Yuris: Power generator failed. Were running on 15m band CW with 100 W. That was the maximum power that the generator could handle. In the evening after 6 PM (local time, which is GMT+1) hopefully will have mains voltage again. Good news - they got some tap water. Sun is frying. Soonest upload to Clublog could happen when they come back from Annobon. There is no Internet on the island. But as you understand there are bigger challenges than Internet. For example - electricity and water :)

3Y0Z BOUVET DXPEDITION (News from the Web page dated October 10th). "OUR SEA CONTAINER IS PACKED!! After weeks of inventorying, packing, padding and weighing supplies and equipment, we have sealed our container and loaded it aboard a truck bound for the port of Savannah. The container will go by sea to Manzanillo, Mexico; by rail to Balboa, Panama; then by sea to San Antonio, Chile; Copihue, Chile and finally Punta Arenas, Chile.

The contents will be taken aboard our ship in Punta Arenas, and meet our team at King George Island in the South Shetlands on January 13, 2018." Check the Web page for pictures at: http://www.bouvetdx.org/news-and-updates

4S, SRI LANKA. The Ukrainian DXpeditioners Team (UDXT), members Alex/UT5UY and Roman/UR0MC will be active as 4S7AYG from Sri Lanka (AS-003) between October 22-31st. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via M0URX or OQRS (direct and Bureau). Complete information is available at: https://www.qrz.com/db/4S7AYG

4S, SRI LANKA (Update). Ilya, R3XA, will be active 4S7KLG from Ambalangoda, Sri Lanka (AS-003), between October 23-30th. His activity will include the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Bands/High-Power entry. Activity outside of the contest will be mostly CW. QSL via LoTW, ClubLog's OQRS or EA5GL.

7P, LESOTHO. Pista, HA5AO, will return to Lesotho as a volunteer to a local community group. Look for 7P8AO between October 16-28th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, RTTY and FT8; when not at work; The log and an OQRS will be available at . The primary purpose of this trip is to conduct training classes for young entrepreneurs wanting to start their own small business. Pista himself started a business in Budapest over 25 years ago, today the company is a leader in its field.

7Q, MALAWI. Members of the EIDX Group (who brought you 9N7EI earlier this year) will be active as 7Q7EI from an ideal location on the shores of Lake Malawi between March 21st and April 3rd, 2018. There will be a team of 14 operators. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They also plan to be in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th). Look for more more details to be forthcoming and a Web page which is under-construction.

8P, BARBADOS. Tim, 8P6ET, will be active as 8P1W during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via KU9C.

8P, BARBADOS (Update). Tom, W2SC, will once again be active as 8P5A during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Look for him to do casual operating and testing before and after the contest on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. He will be on the island between October 24-31st. QSL via LoTW or direct to NN1N.

C4, CYPRUS. Operators Stavros/5B4AFM, Nestor/5B4AHZ, George/5B4KH, Spyros/5B4MF, Philip/5B4ZN and Mark/G4AXX will be active as C4A from Nicosia during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via LoTW, direct via 5B4KH or ClubLog's OQRS.

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA (Special Event). Look for 9M2SJM to be on the air by the Scout Melaka group during the JOTA event October 20-22nd.

AH2, GUAM. Members of the Guam Contest Club will be active as AH2R during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Multi-? entry. Operators mentioned are: Atsuo/JE6HIB, Kazuma/JG3RPL, Toshinobu/JI3ERV (NH2C), Mikawa/JR7OMD and Makoto/JH1ASG. QSL via LoTW. PLEASE DO NOT QSL via the KH2 Bureau.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE. Johannes, PA5X, is now active as C93PA from Beira as of mid-October for the next coming months. Activity so far has been on 40 meters FT8, but will probably be on various HF bands using SSB and the Digital modes (FT8/JT65/WSPR). He is the first ever operator to operate FT8 in Mozambique. His setup consists of: Yaesu FT DX 5000MP Ltd, SM 5000, Acom 1010 HF Linear Amp (800W), Kio Hexbeam antenna and Endfed antenna. QSL via LoTW, ClubLog and QRZ.com. For paper QSL cards, QSL via PA5X,

by the Bureau or direct.

CO0, CUBA. A large number of operators from the Holguin Province, will be active starting October 26th until November 1st, using the special call-sign CO0CB to commemorate the 525th anniversary of the encounter between cultures. The station will be installed near to the place where Cristobal Colon arrived on October 27th of 1492. Activity will be on 80/40/20/17/15/10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via direct to CO8NDZ.

CR3, MADEIRA. Operators Filipe/CT3AB, Norberto/CT3FH, CT3JJ and Débora/CT3OP will be active as CR3Z from Madeira Islands during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry. QSL via CT3AB.

CT8, AZORES. Operators Babs/DL7AFS and Lot/DJ7ZG will be active as CT8/DL7AFS and CT8/DJ7ZG from Sao Miguel Island (EU-003) between October 23rd and November 10th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using mainly SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via DL7AFS and LoTW. For more details and updates, see: http://www.qsl.net/dl7afs

DL, GERMANY. Operators Seth/4X1DX and Zvi/4X6FR will be active as DL/4X1DX from Germany during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Low-Power/Mult-? entry. QSL via 4X6OM. They state that this is a, "Test run to experience radio propagation from northern Europe in preparation for WRTC. From DM9EE station, Tnks Tom."

ED8, CANARY ISLANDS. Manuel, EA8DO, will be active as ED8W from La Palma Island (AF-004) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) Single-Op/Single-Band (**m) entry. QSL via EA8DO.

EF9, CEUTA AND MELILLA. Jorge, EA9LZ, will be active as EF9R from Ceuta during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via EA5KB direct or LoTW.

ER, MOLDOVA. Ben, DL7UCX, is now active as ER/DL7UCX from Moldova until October 22nd. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW. QSL via DL7UCX, by the Bureau, direct or LoTW.

GREEN PARTY AND WWFF ACTIVITIES.....

EAFF-0074 and EAFF-0070 -- By EA8/DL4FO/P; now and October 20th; Holiday style from La Gomera Island (EA8); on 40-10m, mostly CW and QRP

KFF-3378 -- By N4EX/P; between October 16-18th, 1530-1630z; from the Blue Ridge Parkway, North Carolina; suggested freqs +/- QRM: 14043-CW, 14285-SSB, 7043-CW, 7194-SSB and 10114-CW as time and band condx permit. Also, SOTA W4C/EM-058; will self-spot if cell service available

KFF-2733 -- By N4EX/P; October 16th; between 1830-2000z; from Grandfather Mountain State Park, North Carolina; suggested freqs +/- QRM: 14043-CW, 14285-SSB, 7043-CW, 7194-SSB, 5332-CW, 5330.5-SSB, 10114-CW, 18084-CW and 18144-SSB as time and band condx permit. Will self-spot on DX watch.

VKFF-1977 -- By VK5PAS/2 and VK5FMAZ/2; between October 16th and November 17th; Nadgee Nature Reserve; 7144 kHz SSB;

KFF-2728 -- By N4EX/P; October 17th; between 1300-1400z; from Elk Knob State Park, Watauga County, North Carolina; suggested freqs +/- QRM: 14043-CW, 14285-SSB, 7043-CW, 7194-SSB and 10114-CW as time and band condx permit. Also, SOTA W4C/EM-005. Very limited cell service so please spot him

KFF-2748 -- By N4EX/P; October 17th; between 1530-1700z; from New River State Park, Ashe County North Carolina; suggested freqs +/- QRM: 14043-CW, 14285-SSB, 7043-CW, 7194-SSB, 5332-CW, 5330.5-SSB, 10114-CW, 18084-CW and 18144-SSB as time and band condx permit. Will self-spot on DX watch

KFF-3846 -- By N4EX/P; October 17th; between 1830-2000z; from Mount Jefferson State Natural Area, Ashe County, North Carolina;

suggested freqs +/- QRM: 14043-CW, 14285-SSB, 7043-CW, 7194-SSB and 10114-CW as time and band condx permit; Also, SOTA W4C/EM-021. Will self-spot on DX watch.

OHFF-0189 -- By OF7JHA/p; October 18th; from Hossa National Park; 20m, 40m SSB; operator Timo, OH7JHA

OHFF-0182 -- By OF7JHA/p; October 18th; from Iso Ahvensuo-Karhusuo protected mire; 20m,40m SSB; operator Timo, OH7JHA

KFF-1300 -- By N4EX/P; October 18th; between 1330-1500z; from Grayson Highlands State Park, Grayson County, Virginia; suggested freqs +/- QRM: 14043-CW, 14285-SSB, 7043-CW, 7194-SSB, 5332-CW, 5330.5-SSB, 10114-CW, 18084-CW and 18144-SSB as time and band condx permit; very limited cell service so please spot him

KFF-2754 -- By N4EX/P; October 18th; between 1700-1830z; from at Stone Mountain State Park, Alleghany County, North Carolina; suggested freqs +/- QRM: 14043-CW, 14285-SSB, 7043-CW, 7194-SSB, 5332-CW, 5330.5-SSB, 10114-CW, 18084-CW and 18144-SSB as time and band condx permit; No cell service so please spot him

VKFF-1777 -- By VK2IO/P; October 19th; between 0100-0400z; from Berowra Valley Regional Park; 7144 kHz SSB; Also 20m, 80m and CW

KFF-2750 -- By N4EX/P; October 19th; between 1230-1400z; from Pilot Mountain State Park, Surry County, North Carolina; suggested freqs +/- QRM: 14043-CW, 14285-SSB, 7043-CW, 7194-SSB, 5332-CW, 10114-CW and 18084-CW as time and band condx permit; will self-spot on DX Watch

KFF-2735 -- By N4EX/P; October 19th; between 1530-1700z; from Hanging Rock State Park, Stokes County, North Carolina; suggested freqs +/- QRM: 14043-CW, 14285-SSB, 7043-CW, 7194-SSB, 5332-CW, 10114-CW and 18084-CW as time and band condx permit; will self-spot on DX Watch

KFF-2743 -- By N4EX/P; October 19th; 1830-2000z; from Mayo River State Park, Rockingham County, North Carolina; suggested freqs +/- QRM: 14043-CW, 14285-SSB, 7043-CW, 7194-SSB, 5332-CW, 10114-CW and 18084-CW as time and band condx permit; will self-spot on DX Watch

VKFF-0958 -- By VK3XV and VK3GGG; October 21-22nd; from Ararat Hills Natural Features Reserve; 7144 kHz SSB

For more information about WWFF upcoming operations, see:
http://wwff.co/agenda

Also suggest URLs:
World-Wide -- https://www.facebook.com/groups/WWFF44
USA -- https://www.facebook.com/groups/parksontheair

A special DXCluster for WWFF is available at: http://wwff.co/dx-cluster

Canada Flora & Fauna (VEFF) link is:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/Canadawwffveff

Other links for VEFF are:
Home Page at: http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/veff.html
Yahoo Groups: https://groups.yahoo.com/group/veff

PLEASE NOTE: Yahoo Groups might be removed if the Facebook Group works as expected. However, it will remain online well into the New Year 2018.

GU, GUERNSEY. Oleg, RL5D, will be active as GU3HFN (the Guernsey Amateur Radio Society callsign) from St. Peter Port during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via the Bureau.

HC, ECUADOR. Members of Quito Radio Club will be active as HC0E from Ecuador during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via HC1QRC.

HR, HONDURAS. Operators Dennis/W1UE, Paul/K1XM and Charlotte/KQ1F will be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi-2 entry. They will be operating from Chillax Roatan (NA-057). Currently, their callsign is pending. QSL via KQ1F. Operators will be active outside of the contest signing homecall/HR9. W1UE will be there between November 11-27th, and K1XM/KQ1F will be there between November 18-27th.

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-127. Operators Derek/G3KHZ, Steve/G4EDG, Axel/DL6KVA, Syed/S21ED and Anup/S21TV will be active as S21ZDC from Saint Martins Island between October 21-25th. Activity is on 40-15 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via SM6CVX.

AS-140. Operators Derek/G3KHZ, Steve/G4EDG, Axel/DL6KVA, Syed/S21ED and Anup/S21TV are now active as S21ZDC from Bhola Island until October 18th. Activity is on 40-15 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via G3KHZ.

JT, MONGOLIA. A team of operators are expected to be active as JT5DX from Ulaanbaatar during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via JT1CO direct only. Operators mentioned are Choigonjav/JT1CO, Purevjav/JT1BU, Oleg/RD1A, Alexey/RN1AM, Vladimir/RW1A, Sergey/RW1F, Paul/RK4FD, Gennady/UA9MA, Serge/UA0SC and Togtokhin/WV6E.

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY. Al, W6HGF, is now active as KG4HF from GITMO until October 20th. He states, "I prefer digital modes, but when I run out of business on data, I will go to CW. I plan to try FT8 this trip." His other main mode will be RTTY, and once that is exhausted he will go to CW. Also, watch PSK. QSL via W6HGF or LoTW.

P2, PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Roly, ZL1BQD, will be active as P29RR between October 20th and November 6th. Activity will probably be mainly on 40/20 meters using CW and the Digital modes (FT8, JT65, JT9). QSL via his home callsign direct, LOTW or eQSL.

P4, ARUBA. Ulf, DL5AXX, is now active as P40EU from Aruba Island (SA-036) until October 23rd. Activity will be on holiday style on probably on 80-10 meters using mainly CW with some RTTY. QSL via his home callsign or via .

P4, ARUBA. Andy, AE6Y, will once again be active as P49Y from Aruba (SA-036) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW or AE6Y.

PJ2, CURACAO. Operators Ulrich/DL8OBQ, John/N4RV, Heiko/DK3DM, Louis/DO9EE and Stephano/PT2IC will be active as PT2T from the Caribbean Contesting Consortium's (CCC) Signal Point contest station on Curacao Island (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) during the CQWW DX SBB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Multi-Single entry. Outside the contest, operators will probably be signing PJ2/homecall or their own personal PJ2 callsign. QSL PJ2T via W3HNK. QSL all others via their home callsigns.

PJ4, BONAIRE (Update to OPDX.1333). Operators David/NA2AA, Noah/K2NG, Giuseppe/IT9HBT, Sal/IW9FRA, Gianfranco/IT9SPB and Gabry/IT9RGY will be active as PJ4G from Radio Mountain Bonaire station (see pj4g.com or @pj4radio on Facebook) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th). Look for operators to sign PJ4/homecall before and after the contest. QSL for PJ4G via WA2NHA or LoTW. QSL all other callsigns via direct or LoTW.

PJ4, BONAIRE. Operators Oliver/DH8BQA, Paul/DL5CW, Tom/DL5LYM and Peter/PJ4NX will be active as PJ4/homecall between November 9-29th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsign. Look for them to be active as PJ4Y during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via DL5CW (only for QSOs of this year's CQWW-CW).

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (October 16-22nd).....

Oct/16th AN Oct/19th AN Oct/21st AN

Oct/17th AN Oct/20th AN Oct/22nd AN
Oct/18th AN

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE :
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:
http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....
QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF... (October 15th)

8P2K via KU9C	II0IAAR/2 via IZ8DBJ	OF2BLV via OH2BLV
9M2M via 9M2GET (d)	IP0TRC via IQ0TE	OF6MW via OH6MW
AM8HIS via EA8RKL (L)	IQ5LU via IZ5AXB	ON50MIRA via (ON-B)*
AO5VOR via AO5VOR (O)	JT5DX via JT1CO	OY/RU7D via RU7D
AT4FI via VU2SMS (d)	KG4HF via W6HGF & (L)	PT2/HA5UX via HA5UX (B)
CM3EFM via RW6HS (d)	KH2/JH7BVH via JH7BVH	R19FYS via R19FYS (O)
CT9/DL8JS via DL8JS	LZ251MKP via LZ1KCP	R75ALSB via UA3QII
EA6/SM0JHF >> *	LZ6DX via LZ1PM	RA19WF via RA19WF (O)
EA8/UA4WW via UA4WW	N0F via K1IED	RC19WF via RC19WF (O)
EA8/UA5C via UA5C (d/e)	N1F via K1IED	RJ19WF via RJ19WF (O)
EG5MCC via EA5RCK	N2F via K1IED	RM19WF via RM19WF (O)
EH1RGC via EA1DST	N3F via K1IED	SG8X via SM5AQD
EM1325R via UZ1RR	N4F via K1IED	VA3FIRE via K1IED
EN90QDG via UR6QR	N5F via K1IED	VR20XYL via VR2XYL (d)
HF25WZS via SP9WZS	N6F via K1IED	W3R/90 via AA3B (d/L)
HG500H via (HA-B/L)	N7F via K1IED	YJ0CA via VK2YUS (d)
HG500T via (HA-B/L)	N8F via K1IED	YP0C via YO3CZW
HG500U via (HA-B/L)	N9F via K1IED	
HG8ARDF via HA8BE	NH2LL via JO7GVC	

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only * no QSL needed

RI1F (Update/Log Info). The RI1F team left Victoriya Island (EU-190) on October 9th, and are now back at Murmansk as of the 14th. The RI1F main log has been uploaded to the ClubLog (showing 11,196 QSOs):
https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/RI1F/EU-190
Look for Digital modes and VHF/UHF/SAT (paper logs; requests and questions should be addressed to R9LR) QSOs to be uploaded later after correction.

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 5T5OK, 5X2B, 9A1A, 9A4FS, A5A, BG1REN, CG3CGR, CT8/SP7VC, CX5ABM, HI8RD, J3/SP7VC, JA1HYD, JJ2LPV, JR7AMZ, KG4HF, KL7J, LA2XPA, LZ2RR, PZ5RA, S9CT, T88GA, VE9DX, VK5BC, VR2VAZ, VY0ERC, YE6YE and ZL1HD

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5U5U, 9H3WHX, A35W, PJ5/PH2M, R71RRC (AS-071), SV1DH, TZ9A, VK9MAV/4 (OC-160), VK9MAV (OC-267), XF2L (NA-221), XF2L (NA-224) and ZD7BG

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!!

RI50, SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS. Alexander, UA1OJL, will be active as RI50ANO from Belligshausen Station, King George Island (AN-010), between January 1st and March 31st, 2018. The special callsign RI50ANO is to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Bellinghausen Station. Activity will be during his spare time on various HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via RN1ON, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS.

T2, TUVALU. Tony, 3D2AG, will be active as T2AR from Funafuti Atoll (OC-015) between October 21-28th. Activity will be on various HF bands as well as 2 and 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, JT65 and FT8. QSL via 3D2AG or PayPal.

TC68, TURKEY. Look for TC68JOTA to be operated by scouts for the JOTA/JOTI weekend (October 20-22nd) from Aksaray. QSL via TA5IHY. ADDED NOTE: The ARRL Web page states, "JOTA-JOTI Reports More Than 2,500 Registered for October 20-22 Event". Read all about it at: http://www.arrl.org/news/view/jota-joti-reports-more-than-2-500-registered-for-october-20-22-event

TI, COSTA RICA. Members of the Northeast Tarrant County Amateur Radio Club (Phil/K5SGE, Jim/W5AP, Randall/WA0D and possibly others) will be active as TI7/K5SGE, TI7/W5AP and TI7/WA0D from Costa Rica between October 21-30th. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They will probably be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) during this time. QSL operator's home callsign or LoTW.

TK, CORSICA. Salvatore, IK8UND, will be active as TK9R from Ajaccio, Corsica (EU-014), during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via IK8UND direct ONLY.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. Members of the Frankford Radio Club will be active as VP5W from Providenciales, Caicos Islands (NA-002) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Low-Power/Multi-? entry. QSL via LoTW or KD3TB. Operators mentioned are Irwi/KD3TB, Andrew/KD3RF, Zev/N2WKS and Sheldon/WA2UBK. The team "may" be active before and after the contest signing VP5/homecall. QSL via their home callsign.

VR20, HONG KONG. Operators Huang/BD7IS, David/VR2YDC, Farid/VR2UNG, Lap/VR2UP, Eric/VR2ZRE and Dawood/VR2XNG will be active as VR20FUN during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via VR2FUN. The VR20FUN special callsign is to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

VU7, LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS. A team of 6 DXers are now active as VU7T from Lakshadweep Islands until October 20th. The team landed on the Island of Agatti by air and then took a shift boat to Kavaratti to set up their stations on the beachside of the island. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They state, "A detailed roster has been prepared to optimize operations during the propagation windows to various geographies." Operators mentioned are Manoj/VU2CPL, Sangeeth/VU2WH, Kiran/VU2XE, Siddhu/VU3NXI, Gopan/VU3HPF and Paul/A65DR as remote support. Their equipment is 1x Elecraft K3, 2x Elecraft KX3, 2x ICOM IC-7300 and all with amps. Antennas are: verticals (80/40/30m) and Spider-beam (20/17/15/12/10m). QSLs will be handled by Manoj, VU2CPL. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW as soon as possible and this is the preferred QSL mode. An OQRS will be active once the team is back on mainland. Direct QSL requests are highly discouraged, and if this is the only option to

request a QSL, please include an SAE and 3 GS. For log checks and other inquiries, please write to . Internet connection is very poor on the island and please don't expect any replies during the operation. They state, "This is completely self-funded operation. Our goal is to do some serious operation to give ATNOs and as much band fills to DXers around the globe and have fun. We welcome any donations which will go towards offsetting our costs of transportation and other large expenses. You may help us to cover our costs by donating any amount using link or through donate option in OQRS.

XW, LAOS. Champ, E21EIC, is once again active as XW1IC from Vientiane until October 18th. Activity will be on various HF bands and modes. QSLs must be requested via the OQRS on ClubLog or via E21EIC and LoTW. NO PAPER QSL IS NEEDED.

ZD7, ST. HELENA ISLAND (Update to OPDX.1331). By the time you read this, Bill, G0VDE, will be active as ZD7BR (not ZD7VDE as announced earlier) from Saint Helena Island (AF-022) until October 21st. He has waited over a year for the Island of St. Helena's airport to start commercial fights back up again. He is expected to arrive October 14th. He is planning to stay for one week on this trip and will be operating mainly SSB, some Digital modes (maybe even FT8!) and just maybe a little CW. Operations will be on 80-10 meters (maybe some 60m). Bill will be taking a FT-991, FT-891 and a Juma PA1000, with a vertical antenna and a variety of wires, dipoles and fiber-glass supports. He has setup a Web site at:

http://www.sthelenadx.com

PLEASE NOTE: QSL via G3SWH. The log will be uploaded to ClubLog and to the ARRL's Log Book of the World (LoTW) in due course.... Please note that it is possible the flights may be delayed and he may travel later than 14th October - watch his website for more information.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Rick, NE8Z/HC1MD/SP9E, will be active as ZF2ZE from the Grand Cayman Island (NA-016) between October 23-29th. Activity will be "Holiday Style" on 40-10 meters, including the WARC bands, using CW, SSB and possibly FT8, with 100 watts into a balcony mounted mobile antenna and Spider vertical. There will be minimal operating in the CQWW DX SSB Contest. QSL via NE8Z (see QRZ.com). Log will be uploaded to LoTW after the trip.

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